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## New Shipbuilding Program Is Urged To Promote Security, Boost Economy

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## General Retail Prices Jump 2% In September

Washington, D. C.—A seasonal jump in retail prices of food products between mid-August and mid-September was the major factor in the 2.1 percent increase in the cost of living index reported on the basis of the Bureau of Labor Statistics figures for September.

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### AFL Endorses Spirit Of Pure Curb Plan

Washington, D. C.—AFL President William Green today endorsed the President's plan for selective controls over the nation's economy.

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## 32,000 New Homes Completed In October: 10-Month Total Is 50% Over 1946 Level

Washington, D. C.—Nearly 32,000 homes were completed during October, according to the latest figures from the Federal Housing Administration.

The 10-month total for 1947 is 320,000, which is 50 percent over the 1946 level.

### Truman Control Plan Summarized

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